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SUBJECT:CIVAIR: NORTHWEST SCHEDULE

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1. DEPARTMENT REQUESTS EMBASSY APPROACH JAPANESE GOVERNMENT (GOJ) AT APPROPRIATELY HIGH LEVEL REGARDING STATUS OF NORTHWEST (NW) JUNE 8 SCHEDULE. EMBASSY SHOULD INFORM JAPANESE THAT NW'S MAY 2 FILING WAS SIMPLY PRO FORMA ACTION RESULTING FROM NW'S PILOT STRIKE AND THAT, IN ANY CASE, US EMBASSY'S MAY 17 FILING AMENDING NW'S JUNE 8 SCHEDULE FOLLOWED MAY 2 FILING AND COULD NOT HAVE BEEN SUPERCEDED BY IT. USG NOTES JUNE 8 SCHEDULE AMENDED SPECIFICALLY BECAUSE GOJ INFORMED USG THAT NO ADDITIONAL SLOTS AT NARITA WERE AVAILABLE TO US AIRLINES AT THAT
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TIME. NW'S JUNE 8 SCHEDULE HAS THEREFORE ALREADY BEEN PROPERLY FILED WITH THE JAPANESE AUTHORITIES AND IT HAS NOT BEEN MOOTED BY ANY OTHER ACTION OR EVENT.

2. EMBASSY SHOULD FURTHER INFORM GOJ THAT USG EXPECTS GOJ TO APPROVE THIS MAY 17 FILING OF JUNE 8 SCHEDULE IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROVISIONS OF 1959 AGREED MINUTE.

3. REGARDING JAPANESE ARGUMENT CONCERNING OVERNIGHT STAYS,

EMBASSY SHOULD REPEAT US POSITION THAT THEY ARE NOT
PRECLUDED BY BILATERAL. USG THEREFORE FINDS NO BASIS
FOR CONCLUDING THAT OVERNIGHT STAYS SHOULD BE ELIMINATED.

4. EMBASSY SHOULD ALSO MAKE IT CLEAR TO JAPANESE (AND
THIS IS REASON FOR CARRYING DEMARCHE TO APPROPRIATELY
HIGH LEVEL IN GOJ) THAT WHILE USG RECOGNIZES PRESENT
CONSTRAINTS AT JAPANESE AIRPORTS AND CAN, THEREFORE,
APPRECIATE REASONS FOR DELAY IN PROVIDING ADDITIONAL SLOTS
TO US AIRLINES, IN NO WAY WILL IT COUNTENANCE A REDUCTION
OF SERVICE AND COMPETITIVE OPPORTUNITIES NOW ENJOYED
BY US AIRLINES, SUCH AS IS THREATENED BY GOJ POSITION ON
NW JUNE SCHEDULE. VANCE

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